Central Road Fund Scheme. Apart from the special programme like National Highways Development Project (which is taken up for the whole country) and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North Eastern Region, the development of National Highways is generally undertaken through annual plans State-wise. No specific programme has been formulated for the development of backward region in the country. Development of State roads is the responsibility of concerned State Government. However, this Ministry gives Central assistance to develop State roads through Central Road Fund scheme.

Autonomy to CBI

†* 503. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to provide autonomy to the Central Bureau of Investigation in order to maintain its credibility;

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The CBI has been accorded autonomy under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 for investigation of cases.

Proposals for Four-laning of NHs in Rajasthan

*504. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan have proposed four-laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar road section), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar road section) up to MP border, NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi road section) and NH-8 (Beawar-Udaipur section);

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.